

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Vanessa Perez on 10/13/2009.

2. Cancel claim 8.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

4. The prior art does not disclose a printing plate having a phase separation structure and having hydrophilic resin for crosslinking as well as a hydrophilic resin having no functional groups that can react with a crosslinking agent. In addition, the prior art does not disclose a printing plate having hydrophilic resin having no functional groups which can crosslink is obtained by polymerizing at least one monomer selected from N-alkylene substituted methacrylamides or N-alkylmethacrylamide as in instant claim 1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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